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Application No.: 09/930,104

Confirmation No.: 9867

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Art Unit: 2857

For: METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING
BETWEEN BURDENED AND CRACKED
ULTRASONICALLY TUNED BLADES

Examiner: J. West

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 11, 2003, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application provisionally elect, **WITH TRAVERSE**, Group I, claims 1-32, directed to a method for detecting gunked and cracked ultrasonically tuned blades.

If there are any questions regarding this Response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this would expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Dated: September 11, 2003

~~Respectfully submitted~~

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